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MISLEADING INFORMATION ABOUT PLANTS; Know-It- All Libraries to Be Warn- ed Against

I have news for you! I just found in one of those "know-it-all" books that claims to be a regular store house of all needed knowledge, in the part devoted to flowers, to which I always turn first, the following amusing descriptions, and I am sure I am doing right in telling you about them: "Achillea, an annual with yellow flowers; Ageratum, perennial in red and white; Balsam, perennial in blue, white and red; Campanula, perennial with crimson flowers; Bleeding-Heart, annual, orange; California Poppies, white annuals; Candytuft, green flowering annual; Daisies, yellow perennials; Evening Primrose, perennial in blue." Now if any of you have, or have ever seen even, blue Evening Primroses, an orange Bleeding-Heart, a green Candytuft, or a white California Poppy, please tell me about it. And where can I find blue Balsam that are perennials? Would they not be a novelty? The author of this wonderful floral information goes on to say "these are the flowers most generally raised in home gardens". Now it is claimed for this book that it is an authority on every statement it contains, but if the floral matter is a sample I certainly would advise everyone to stick to the Floral Magazine, and to Seed Catalogues rather than to "volume libraries", apparently just printed to sell. To several flowers that are of varied colors the author assigned one shade, Columbine, for example, we are told is in coral. From what I have written it is plain to be seen that the writer was absolutely ignorant of the least thing about flowers, and surely there is too much of this hit-and-miss information in books and Sunday newspapers, and cheap periodicals that pretend to cover subjects about which they know nothing.

Not long ago I saw an article condemning Bleeding-Heart as poisonous, and stating that it belongs to the Poppy family. I am not very much of a botanist, but I know there is no resemblance between these two plants that would point to relationship—Poppy belongs to the Papaveraceae family while Bleeding-Heart is a fumariaceae, to which also belongs Squirrel Corn and Dutchman's Breeches, and Adlumia, or Allegheny Vine. And then I read another article about "greens", in which readers were warned that "any plant that exudes a milky juice is deadly poison". I ought to have been dead long ago, as for years I have been feasting on delicious milkweed greens, Asclepias Cornuti, or Sweet Milkweed, and all my friends and neighbors should have been poisoned to death, because we feast on it and never knew before that it was poisonous. According to this rule we must cut off from our tables Lettuce, Salsify, Dandelion, and many other delicious vegetables. If you do not know from experience my advice is to write our Editor, because he has never yet misled me. Money paid for books of misinformation is

worse than wasted. Let us warn each other about them.

Alice R. Corson, Ashland, Va.

NOTE. With the permission of the writer I would like to state that some botanists do combine the fumariaceae and papaveraceae families.—EDITOR.

FORD CARS AND HOME GARDENS

It is said, by seedsmen who carry on their business by mail, that since the war there has been a notable decrease in the number of orders from folks who formerly made vegetable gardens on the back portion of their lots, but an equally marked increase in orders for flower seeds and outdoor plants and ornamental shrubbery.

And it is all laid at the doors of the Ford car.

Perhaps you have heard it yourselves, and it may be true. At any rate it is interesting. And this is, briefly, how they reason it out:

They tell me that the larger proportion of Fords is owned by families living in smaller cities, towns and villages—not by farmers because they go in so often, so they tell me, for a more powerful and larger car; that, towards closing or quitting time, there is a nervous rush to wash up, turn the key in the door, and reach the supper table in the fewest possible minutes of daylight. The good wife must have everything on the table, the children's faces clean and herself ready to grab a wrap and pile into the Ford for an evening spin.

And so there is no time for Dad to make garden—I mean to grow the delicious, fresh, money saving vegetables for his own table—money-saving because they cost him virtually nothing but his spare time—or what would be spare time were it not for the Ford "gadding" habit he has formed.

His excuse is he needs the fresh air. And so he does. But if this is true might it not be a good idea to make a budget of his time, as so many of us do nowadays of our income and expenditures? Because he needs more than fresh air—he needs time for reading, for worship, and a host of things that, I am told, he certainly cannot get in now.

But there is the other side: everywhere we see more flowers, more attention given to making the lawn neat and attractive. And this is said to be because the Ford car means such a great saving of time to the Wife and Mother, that she can give so much more attention to the outdoor appearance of her home, and sees the need of ever so many more plants and flowers.

And she is ordering seeds, plants and bulbs freely by mail.

Whether or not this is all true it gives us something to think about and write about, and I hope readers of the Magazine will write me freely and that we may find in the suggestion some new ideas to help along the greater use of flowers in making home attractive.

Editor.

PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE

LaPark, Pennsylvania.

BLUE FLOWERS FOR THE GARDEN

With Some Late Perennials, and a Little About Freesias

BESSIE BERRY GRABOWSKII

Let Me Mention Freesias First

Before telling you of the many, lovely, blue flowers we may begin to look out for, to plant this Fall in our garden; and before talking garden, to any extent; I want to call your attention to the fact that from now, on till late October, is the period to plant Freesias, that wonderful, little bulb-flower, with its exquisitely fragrant racemes of waxy bells ranging in color from cream white, through nearly all the pastel shades, even into violet and coral, and possessing a peculiar grace all their own, one pot, containing from eight to twelve bulbs, being sufficient to perfume a whole house.

Like the Gladiolus, it is a native of Africa, and, also like the Gladiolus, when cut each bud opens in the water, with great endurance.

From the Cape of Good Hope came the first Freesia *Refracta*, in the early part of the last century, and from there, between eighty and ninety years after, came the Freesia *Armstrongii*, a rosy pink, from which has been evolved the numerous colors now existent.

It is emphatically a house plant, a pot plant, not being hardy. While the culture seems very simple, many amateurs do not find it so, and I hope these few directions may prove of help: they may be potted at intervals from August, into October, which will insure bloom, in succession, from January until June. Any light, rich soil will suit, preferably a compost of loam with a little sand and well rotted manure, with some bone meal—let the manure be very well rotted so that it will thoroughly mix with the earth and not lump in pieces touching the bulbs. A six-inch pot, or pan, will hold a dozen bulbs, and they should be placed at equal distances, set in the soil steadily so that they will not touch, and covered with not less than an inch of soil.

After planting, water well and set in a cool, dark place until the sprouts are about an inch

high—the root and top grow at the same time. They should then be taken to a sunny window to bloom. They like plenty of air, and failures occur often from lack of water, of which they should have plenty while in growth. They dislike a very high temperature.

Sometimes Freesias go on a strike, so to speak, and perfectly healthy, strong bulbs just refuse, for no reason on earth, to bloom. Should you ever meet this do not give it up, do not throw them away, for the first thing you know, even after a year, they will start up and bloom just as if nothing had happened.

So much for the Freesia—and now just let me remind you that this is also the Iris planting month, and the Madonna Lily, (the *Candidum*)—do get them in before the last of August, to insure a good growth before Winter, so that they may make buds and stand well.

Then The Blue Flowers

For many years gardeners in America have endeavored to get into their gardens blue flowers, interspersed in rich clumps like those remembered in old English gardens.

We may easily have them—the color that stands for truth, and love, very beautiful things in life—beginning with the very earliest Spring. Plant in your garden this Fall, *Scilla Siberica* and *Scilla Nutans*, and near them both, at the edge of the border, the pale yellow Cowslips, *Primula Vulgaris*.

A little later on you might have also, planted this Fall, the lavender-blue and purple-blue Camassias. These may be planted in groups, and their long racemes of bells will often stand from one and a half to two feet, and nod to you with such beauty. Another Fall planting bulb carrying blue flowers in the Spring is *Chionodoxas*, and these, grouped with the Giant Snowdrop, will gladden any heart.



PURITY FREESIA; LARGEST, PUREST WHITE FLOWER

In May we may have the hardy Forget-Me-Not in thick masses—the *Myosotis Palustris*—and these cast their seeds and increase each year, if not allowed to be over-grown by other



SCILLA SIBERICA

low growing plants, or stand with their feet too wet. Another lovely May thing, lavender-blue, is that favorite of Mrs. Wilder, the *Nepeta Mussini*, with its soft grey foliage about a foot tall, throwing up its slender spikes of hazy violet-blue blossoms, so feathery and lovely. Something yellow, and pink, should be near this, and it is so soft and lovely. Pansies, or *Violas*, in shades of yellow and deep blue, banked against *Nepeta* is a lovely picture. Pink Tulips, too, might be planted near, the *Clara Butt*, or *Baronne de la Tonayne*.

In May also bloom the *Phlox*, *Laphamii*; *divaricata*, and *subulata*, all blue, in its several shades, and, towards the latter part of



BLUE JAY IRIS

May comes the Blue Jay Iris, and several others in rich blues, another beauty being the *Alcazar*, and, close to the ground, the dwarf blue Iris—and at the edge the little Bugle weed, *Ajuga reptans rubra*, with its deep sapphire blossoms. Near your *Phlox subulata*

plant yellow or pink Tulips, which bloom at the same time, and have *Flavescens* Iris just to the side-front of Blue Jay.

In the latter part of May bloom the *Madonna Lilies*, and with them should always come the hardy Larkspur, the *Delphiniums*, pale *Belladonna* and deep *Formosum*—which, if cut as soon as they bloom, will throw out new bud stalks and keep on blooming. I cannot say too often, cut your flowers, any of them, to insure repeated bloom.

Early in June there is one of the *Funkia Lilies*, lavender-blue, which shoots its stalks of bell-shaped blossoms quite a foot or more



CHIONODOXA

high, the *Funkia Caerulea*, the foliage is a blue-green, rather dark. It likes space, and semi-shade, and deeply rich soil. This is a lovely cut-flower, and is lovely near white things, or pale yellow.

Along in the early part of June you will have the tall spikes, slim and lovely, of the *Verbenaceae*, different varieties cause a longer season, and there is a white variety, so very pretty, that blooms about the same time as the later sorts, of the blue.

During this season the Bell Flowers are so lovely, the large *Campanulas*, of various kinds, which you will find in every catalogue—one of my favorites being the pyramidalis, the *Chimney Bell* flower. And don't forget the Scotch Blue Bell, *Campanula rotundiflora*, and the Peach Bells, called from the shape of its leaves.

Early in May also we have the *Polemoniums*, (*Jacob's ladder* and *Greek Valerian*) with their exquisitely dainty foliage and precious racemes of violet-blue bells.

Later on, of course, one has the Blue Corn Flowers, and, being an annual that resows itself, one thinks of it almost as a perennial. These, and the annual Larkspur, which, when they fill the June garden, scattered among everything else, throw a mountain-blue haze over the entire garden, glad to see.

Another charming blue perennial is the *Anchusa*—Opal, the pale blue, *Dropmore*, the very deep, and then *Perry's*—all tall, handsome and lovely.

The *Veronicas*, blooming well into July and sometimes later, as also does the *Anchusa*; the lilac-blue *Pentstemons*; and then the



POLEMONIUM

PURPLE ASTERS

I see you through a mist of tears,
Dear little wayside flowers;
You carry me back o'er weary years
To bright and happy hours.

Again I see the "Indian Trail",
A winding through the trees;
On either side your purple heads
A nodding in the breeze.

And there the feathery golden rod
In Autumn beauty stood;
And there a merry hearted girl
Went gaily through the wood.

And there are friends who only
Come to me sometimes in dreams,
They, too, belong to that bright past
Now far away it seems.

Each Autumn, how I welcome you,
Although you make me sad,
And yet the memories that you bring
Are always bright and glad.

Dorothy Patrick Dyar.

Monkshood, the Aconitum, early and late varieties; carry us into August and September, with low at the edge the deep blue Plumbago and above the tall Eupatorium Coelestinum—the hardy Ageratum making the garden again misty with its blue—this variety of Ageratum is much taller than the annual and sometimes quite as deep blue. The later Monkshood comes in August and September too, and the other blue Funkia, lanceolata, and tall blue Asters, particularly the Anglicai, which bring us to the late Fall perennials, the Boltonias, the Helenias (not blue), Artemisia lactiflora, so fragrant and feathery white, and one of the few lovely white flowers of Fall.

Of course I have not begun to name the blue flowers of each month. I have not even tried to. But I have named those easily raised, lovely to the many, and with which I am most



ANCHUSA ITALICA DROPMORE

familiar myself. I am always glad to hear of the blue flowers, from anyone who has found pleasure in any one of them, and right here let me say that all, or certainly most of them, love lime, especially the Delphiniums. Lime heightens the blue of them, and it sweetens the earth around them. Do not deluge them

in lime but an occasional sprinkle around them, not on the crowns of any of them, is excellent.

In closing, one more little blue flower that you should certainly add to your fall bulbs; is the Heavenly blue Grape Hyacinth—and, in the Spring, add blue Gladiolus and those ranging into the violet.

THREE DESIRABLE PERENNIALS

Lathyrus Latifolius, or Perennial Pea

Is one of the best and most beautiful of the hardy climbing vines in my garden. Once planted it lasts for years, and any soil and any location suit. I have the pure white; also the red. They are both very beautiful, commencing to bloom about July 1st, and keeping it up continually until frost if the



PERENNIAL PEA

flowers are cut off and no seed pods left to form. The blossoms are like Sweet Peas but have no fragrance, are somewhat larger and the spikes longer. They will last for days as a cut-flower. Try to get a plant, or sow seed next month if you have none now.

Primula Veris

Primula Veris is a very showy, early blooming Spring flower, with fine clusters of blossom in a wide range of colors, yellow, shades of red, red edged with white, also an early, bright pink, on rather short stems. They are very hardy, can be divided while in bloom, into many plants but be careful to leave a few roots on each plant, and they are very lovely in a border and should be in every garden of those who love Perennials.

Hesperis, or Sweet Rocket

Another hardy Perennial which should be in every flower lover's garden. It grows from two to four feet tall, with many spikes of fragrant flowers, in white, mauve and purple. It is very hardy, living through severe Winters here in the east, and blooms about Decoration Day, continuing for a month or more, and if the faded flowers are removed it will bloom all Fall. It self-sows and there are many small plants near my old plants. I also save much seed each year. If you wish your garden to be at all complete do not forget a few plants, or sow seed this Autumn, of Sweet Rocket.

Mrs. Helen (Ima) McKee, Ohio.

ORNAMENTAL BEET

Oh dear, what a common thing! But just try it. I kept taking off the outside leaves as they began to fade or got torn and cooked them for salad! Then next day, invariably, some one would stop to ask me what that "bed of beautiful foliage plants" was. I thought it rather stiff appearing but you never know just what will make a hit—don't know as it is any more "stiff" than Canna.

Nettie Robinson.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Friends of the Floral Corner: I wonder if there is room in your delightful nook for a new-comer to the Corner, but an old subscriber to Parks Floral Magazine. It was in 1887 that I first "went wild" over this publication, and I

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GYPSOPHILA

Dear little flower so tiny and white

What are you good for pray?

Each little bloom like the wing of a mite

Dancing the live long day.

Each stem as fine as a baby's hair,

With a tiny star at its tip;

And I fancy that in your labyrinths

A group of fairies trip.

You have covered this spot like a veil of mist,

Or a gleaming fountain spray,

Or a mirror dimmed by a baby kiss,

Or a haze at close of day.

My blossoms are tiny as you say,

Small as a midget's wing,

But I hang them all out anyway

My meed of cheer to bring.

I have made a home for a thousand lives,

I have shaded a spot from the sun;

I could say, should the master call me now,

"The work Thou gavest is done".

By Ellen S. Watson.

am quite as eager for its appearance now as in that March thirty-eight years ago.

But I come with rather a sad, little flower story, for the greater part of my plants grown from seed this year were washed out by the heavy rains—young cloud-bursts—of which we have had so many this season. I was counting on a fine display of Antirrhinums, but, as the seed was sown in the house and the young plants rather frail when set out to harden before transplanting, the rains got them, and many others. In the February issue 1924 Mr. Carson advises us to cover our seed boxes with boards before a storm. Yes; but supposing you were away from home, or it is in the night when the pesky storms come up? But I shall "try, try again". I am going to cover my seed boxes with two thicknesses of white mosquito netting, next year.

I wonder if any of the Floral Friends can give me some good hints relative to sowing seeds thinly. I am discouraged when it comes to transplanting those thickly grown, frail little plants. I have tried the Lapark method, of using a creased paper, but—too thick. Would stopping up, say, every other hole in a pepper shaker be a good idea? Or making a depression in soil about every two inches and sowing a few seeds in each? But probably many of you have better methods.

And I am trying to learn the name of the sprayer which has the very finest rose. I wish one for my seed boxes which will throw merely a mist.

In a recent issue of the Magazine I noticed mention of A. Blanc's Hints on Cacti. I have this book, and prize it highly. It has at least a hundred and seven illustrations, mostly of different varieties of Cacti. I could have cried when I learned that Mr. Blanc lost, by freezing, this magnificent collection of cacti, over seven hundred varieties, some of which were the only ones in existence.

I see there is a difference regarding the name of the plant we used to know as Sweet Mary. It is not Rosemary (Rosmarinus); it is Tanacetum Balsamita, and belongs to the Composite family; Rosemary belongs to the Mint family. Gray's "School and Field Botany", published in 1880, on page 188, says: "Balsamita, Costmary: A garden herb from Europe, 1 to 2 ft. high, smooth, with pleasant scent, the pale leaves oblong and nearly toothed, and small heads of pale yellow flowers". Of Rosemary

Gray says: "Rosmarinus, Rosemary: (Old Latin name, dew-of-the-sea.) R. officinalis, from S. Europe; not hardy north; leaves evergreen, linear, entire, with revolute margins, white hoary beneath, the upper with pale blue flowers in their axils." In the March, 1922, Magazine, Fannie Heath gives quite a different version regarding this flower, she also quoting from Gray's "Field, Forest and Garden Botany". I am wondering how this difference came about. In my Botany Gray does not give any such plant under "Chrysanthemum".

Friends, would it not be interesting to read of the old gardens of the contributors childhood days? Supposing each sends the editor all she can remember of those old gardens. I think there have been none of these descriptions this year. I opened, a few moments ago, the March, 1896, number, and there found a ravishing description of one of these Memory Gardens.

I wonder how many of the Friends would like contents of Magazine given on front cover, as on those of 1903-4-5?

What a good hint W. E. Umboltz gives us, on page 10, of the 1922 Magazine; "we should learn the natural conditions under which the plants we cultivate have lived, the kind of soil in which they grow, and the temperature and rainfall of their native place of growth". This is so important that I quote the gist of the article.

I suppose most of the Friends keep a Floral Book. I have an old "account" book. Under the date column I put the year of the Magazine in the dollar columns the month, and in the cent column the page; between, the name of flower and after it I write some item which I wish particularly to know about, as soil, situation, etc. I give so many pages to each letter. This saves time, and so much wearing out of those precious Magazines.

In the 1922, March, issue, Mrs. Yohe gives us proportions for a successful germicide, but I wished she had told us how much the "bucket" held, as I am afraid of getting in too much, or too little, kerosene. Clianthus.

DEAR FLORAL FRIENDS: I wish to tell the "corner" about my Achillea bed; it may help some "Wild Westener". The bed is 8 ft. in length, with Wild Cucumber and Scarlet Runner for a background. Achillea is, as most of you know, a hardy, herbaceous Perennial that thrives in the so-called arid states, as well as under more fortunate climatic conditions, and it is drouth resisting after the first year. I have had mine three years. It is entirely exposed to sun and wind, and withstands our severe Winters without covering. Mine was pelted by hale at budding time and entirely under water from a cloud burst this Spring, but now stands 3 ft. high and is a mass of dainty, white bloom. I have a lone Peony in the same location, that also fought the good fight, but only to have its beautiful white blossoms eaten by those pesky bugs. Lavender, I also am trying to find you. Arbutus, you take me back to the good old state of my birth. My non-de-plume is a native of this state; it has deep blue-purple flowers on wand-like racemes, from July until frost. It grows from 12 to 18 ins. tall and does not require rich soil. It makes an effective border plant for the blue garden.

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WEARY I SOUGHT MY COUCH

Weary I sought my couch one night,
It was decked by the moon's pale rays;
And long I watched the queen of night,
As she silently passed on her way.
Myriad stars were shining,
In that firmament so blue,
As if heaven's gates were open wide,
And the glory shining through.
The years that come, and the years that go,
Turned swiftly back in their flight,
And I saw my dear ones, every one,
For my vision was clear that night.
I heard again the merry laugh,
The song and the whistle, too,
Back again in the dear old home
I was doing just as I used to do.
Full long I mused and lingered,
Over days and years long passed,
'Till the weary eyelids softly closed,
And I was half asleep at last.
A voice made me start, and listen,
Oh! was it the children's call?
No! only the sound of the snowball bush,
As it swept against the wall.
Again my head sought the pillow,
And in dreams I seemed to hear
The well remembered footsteps
Of those I held so dear.
Again the tired eyelids closed,
This time in restful sleep,
Perhaps my loved ones hovering o'er
Their watchful vigils to keep.

—Mrs. A. J. Foster.

FOR A GRAVE

The trailing, evergreen Myrtle, whose leaves resemble the Laurel, but are darker, is fine for cemetery planting, for the leaves are stiff and green all Winter. In the Spring there are hundreds of lovely, blue flowers, and it soon makes a perfect green carpet and is very hardy.

Honeysuckle, Md.

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trench along the edges of the beds, some of the shoots having actually no roots at all; pressed the soil down firmly around the roots and watered heavily. Then I filled in the balance of the trench with loose soil. Each evening I sprinkled the whole row and waited. Before long most of them began to grow, and by the following spring I had a delightful border, of white and pink, with oceans



of flowers filling the air with a spicy fragrance that was perfectly delightful. By the following spring they were in full tilt, and just as lusty as they had ever been.

This spring, just past, I divided them again. I was so pleased with my experiment that now all my beds are bordered with Hardy Pinks, attractive in their mass of compact, grey green foliage, and almost continuously in bloom. When blooming has ceased I cut off all the spent flowers, and, with the shears, run over the entire border.

I never expect to have enough Pinks, and am planning on longer, and still longer borders.

Mrs. Jennie Spencer Farmer, Ill.

DEAR FLORAL FRIENDS: How many flower-lovers care for wild Violets? I do, and will tell you about mine. The sod in our yard is a carpet of them in Spring, and my own corner has them by the bushel, the long-branched, creamy kind, and the yellow. The creams grow about nine inches or more tall and branch like many Annuals, with many leaves and flowers on one stem. They bloom all Summer, and I will impart a secret we stumbled on: in late Summer, about August, trim them off to the ground and they will put up all new growth, and in the late Autumn you will have an entirely new crop of flowers. Ordinarily, they are about finished blooming in late Summer so you will not get many flowers with this trimming. None of the other wild Violets will bloom again—the white and blue are Spring bloomers, and the yellow blooms occasionally through the Summer but are not very hardy, and cannot stand much walking over, so plant in some un-walked-over place. I planted all the kinds indiscriminately and have some odd looking flowers as the whites and blues cross. Some have several white and also several blue petals on one flower; some white with blue veins, very beautiful; and a pale gray-blue that is not to be despised. The creams are evergreen here; and are very, very hardy. Honeysuckle, Sylvia Eyler, Frederick, R. 7, Md.

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And the south wind softly call,
For the canyons of Cachagua
Are the fairest of them all.

There I see the distant mountains,
Purple peaks and soft grey shade,
Purling brooks and rippling trout streams,
Lilacs blooming in the glade,
Waving ferns and creamy mescal,
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FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

DEAR FLORAL FRIENDS: I've just finished with my Geraniums, and will tell you how I raise mine if you like. In late August I put pans and boxes with sand and into these I put 12 or 15 slips, or cuttings; place pans, etc., in the sun, keep moist, and cover with an old glass dish or lid. In a short time almost every slip will be rooted. When weather grows cool remove to a room with window that has a southern exposure (if possible not too much heat or they will grow spindly). And you will have fine plants for Spring for your gardens, tops not so very large but fine, healthy roots. Now keep right on folks, keep bringing in more pans from your cellars (in March or April) for a few more slips which you can take from stalks that were wintered over, and you will have Geraniums for all the year around. I have raised a lot for myself as well as others in this manner. If dead blossoms are kept off you can have blooms from June until frost. Have had blooming plants from June slips at Thanksgiving and in early December. Now, something else: if any of your plants have mealy bugs pour a tablespoon of kerosene into a cup of milk, stir this mixture into about 1 gallon of water and wash or spray plants with this solution. Of course clean water must be sprinkled over the plants after this. In a short time there is an end to the mealy bug.

Well, I guess I'll have to give up or everyone will get tired listening to me and maybe they'll not want me to call again. Cactus.

DEAR FLORAL FRIENDS: Do any of the folks grow Japonica Zebrina, "Zebra Grass"? I think it makes a fine background for lower growing Perennials. I have a clump that measures a yard or more across. It grows 9 or 10 ft. high, the leaves crossed by a yellow band every 2 or 3 inches, and in the Autumn the fluffy plumes are lovely waving in the breezes, and would make pretty bouquets dyed or in their natural colors. Mine is growing in clay soil, rather damp most of the year. It is hardy here in western Pennsylvania.

Another plant I have that I rarely see is *Dracena Indivisa*, a foliage plant with numerous, graceful, arching leaves, somewhat resembling a *Yucca*, only more slender. It makes a fine center plant for vases or boxes. I winter mine in a room where there is no fire. Sweet William.

Dear Floral Friends: I wish you might see my beautiful geranium. It is, today, a thing of beauty. I think it is a seedling but I am not certain. The plant is 25 inches high, in a south window, and carries fifteen clusters of blossoms and buds. The color is exactly like the crimson ramble rose, shading through to tomato red, lighter, to a little, pure white center. The single florets measure 2 ins. across, the great clusters standing out on stems 11 and 12 ins. long. From these clusters are sent up two and three smaller clusters, on three and four in. stems. I have never seen geraniums bloom in this manner and, believe me, it is a beautiful thing.

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And a wild Trumpet, vined.

Dusty weeds had no regard
For ragged robins blue;
And larkspurs, lavender and white,
Midst tangled grasses grew.

There, oft' the tourists, passing
In hurrying, gaudy line,
Paused to gaze at the beauty
Of that wild Trumpet vine.

Giving freely golden trumpets,
Gifts from the hand Devine—
Clambering o'er the locust tree,
The wild Trumpet vine.

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FLORAL FRIENDS' CORNER

DEAR FLORAL FRIENDS: As I am sitting in a secluded corner of the garden this glorious Summer's day I will tell you about some of the members of my garden family and give you the secret of my success with Pansies. Nasturtiums are winding over a trellis along the fence, blooming gorgeously. Pansies are growing and blooming in a shady nook where the morning sun can greet them. They were sown last Summer in a box, and transplanted when several leaves had developed into a cold-frame, where they became established during the Fall, growing strong roots and blooming a few flowers before they were covered for the Winter—sometimes I use sashes with glass to cover them; sometimes just litter from the garden, bean stalks with corn fodder to keep the stalks from blowing away.

In the early Spring the Pansies are among the earliest flowers to bloom if properly protected during Winter, giving many large blooms all the following Summer.

Rich, sandy loam is best to use for sowing the seed, covering with sand to prevent damping off of the seedlings. Pansies need plenty of moisture from earliest infancy. Cow manure is better fertilizer than compost used from the horse stable, as it is cooler. Of course it should be well rotted and spaded into the soil. Frequent stirring of the soil is necessary to keep the Pansy bed in good condition, and the blooms are larger if the bed does not lie in the sun all day. A shady situation is better, sheltered somewhat from the afternoon sun.

I love Snapdragons, the colors are so rich and varied. I sow the seed in the hot-bed in March, transplanting when several inches high to a permanent bed where they bloom from June until frost kills them. They are hardy in a warmer climate than Pennsylvania.

The Marguerite Carnations over in that corner were planted in a hot-bed last March a year ago, transplanted into this rich bed they have flourished. They bloomed last August until cold weather came, then litter protected them and they began blooming last Spring in May. They have been a joy with their beautiful colors, red shades, white, pink, yellow and some red and white striped. Can't you smell the spicy fragrance?

I will tell you about other flowers in my garden next time. The sun is now going down over the distant mountains so I will say good-night to my Floral Friends.

Dandelion, Ada M. Aiken, R. D. 1, Box 9,
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TWELVE KNIGHTS

I went right down by the sea;
And I saw twixt the mist and me,
Twelve crested knights and more—
Who bravely put out from the shore.

They rode, and they rode, and they rode,
Higher, and high, and still high,
And, strange as it all may seem,
The sea was their natural abode.

The gray of the sky and the sea,
Meet, and the sea gulls screech o'er,
And the twelve crested knights and more—
Came back and stood high on the shore.

I knew they were knights by their plumes,
By the steeds that they rode so high,
By the foam, and the spray, and dashing array
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Q. (a) How shall I winter Gloxinia bulbs raised from seed this year? (b) Please name the enclosed purplish flower; it is so pretty and grows from a bulb. (c) Why do my Dahlias grow nicely but the buds dry off almost as soon as they appear? (d) Why do my cucumbers bloom and not bear? (e) How far apart should I plant Spiraea Vanhouttei?—B. S., Indiana.

A. (a) See answer to C. F. K., on page 31. (b) The pretty flower is an Achimene, the bulbs of which can no longer be imported and are now quite scarce. (c) Dahlias are frequently affected as you describe when they are grown in stiff clay soil or sour soil. Plant them in a different place if possible next year, or else manure the soil thoroughly with well rotted manure and after you dig it whiten the surface with air-slaked lime, and work it in while you are breaking the soil up fine with hoe or rake. This will have a tendency to make your soil more porous, and Dahlias require soil such as will grow potatoes. (d) Spray your Cucumber vines with Bordeaux Mixture and spread tobacco stems, or tobacco dust, freely on the surface of the soil all around your plants. If you use dust also sprinkle it liberally over the plants. (e) Set your Spiraea Vanhouttei two to three feet apart.—EDITOR.

Q. For two years my Pink Peony has not bloomed; the foliage does not look healthy and when there are any buds they blast. Tell me what to do, so that I may have flowers next Spring.—S. L. R., West Virginia.

A. If your Peony has been undisturbed for five years or over prepare a new bed in August, dug a foot and a-half deep, and work into it a big handful of bone meal. Then dig up and divide your clump, and set the roots so that the tallest eye will be three inches under the surface of the soil when covered evenly. While it is not necessary, inasmuch as you have removed the tops from your roots mulch each plant before ground freezes up for the Winter with a good forkful of strawy stable manure. Very early the next Spring, before the growth begins to appear, remove the coarse part and, with a spade, work the short, manure part carefully a couple of inches into the soil; the rains will carry the fertilizer down around the roots. You will not have flowers next Spring from a divided clump unless you do not divide too much—a three to five-eye clump, moved this Fall, should give you flowers next Spring. If your present clump is not old enough to divide, just work in a little bone meal in the surface around the plant where it is, cut off tops this month and throw a big forkful of stable manure over it and treat as I have suggested. Peonies must be planted in full sun.—EDITOR.

Q. Would you kindly tell me if it will be all right to move Peonies in August?—Mrs. W. McL., N. J.

A. From middle of September to October 15 is the best time to move Peonies. At that time they can be dug, the clumps divided, leaving at least one eye to a piece, and, for best results, should be set in deeply dug, well enriched soil where the water will not lie too long in Winter. And right here let me repeat what I have said so often, make sure that any stable manure is thoroughly rotted and well mixed through the soil—it must not rest near the roots in chunks. Bone meal is good. August is also right. —Editor.

AFTERGLOW

Where the mists hang low,
Where water lilies grow,
Where willow bends o'er bank and stream.
Where violets bloom,
And wild rose perfume;
There's where I love to sit and dream.

On mountains high,
Where land meets sky,
Enchanted land unfolds before my eyes.
Where murmuring brook,
Through shady nook,
There's where inspiration lies.

Adown the garden paths,
Where sunlight's golden shafts,
Send warmth to things of living green.
Those are my happiest hours,
Among the budding flowers,
With incense from Heaven's land I ween.

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